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(54) **WIRING SUBSTRATE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING WIRING SUBSTRATE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A wiring substrate includes an insulation substrate including a first surface, a second surface on an opposite side of the first surface, and first and second through-holes penetrating the insulation substrate from the first surface to the second surface; a wiring layer formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate; a first via formed in the first through-hole and connected to the wiring layer; a bus line positioned away from the wiring layer and the first via, and formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate; and a second via formed in the second through-hole and connected to the bus line.

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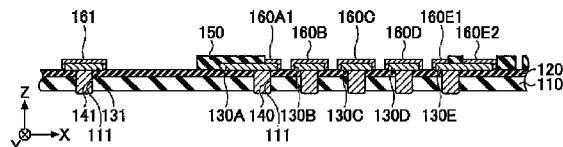
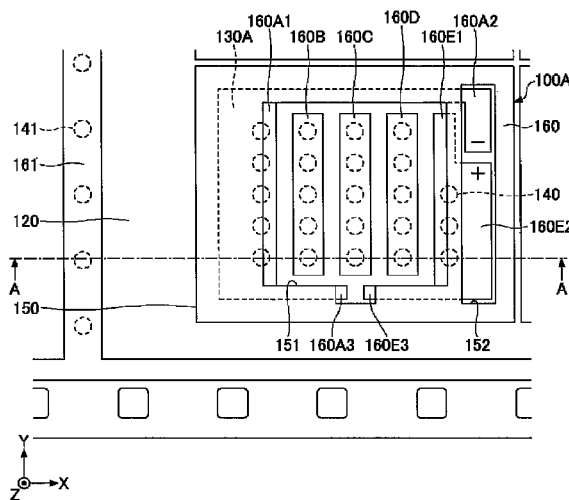


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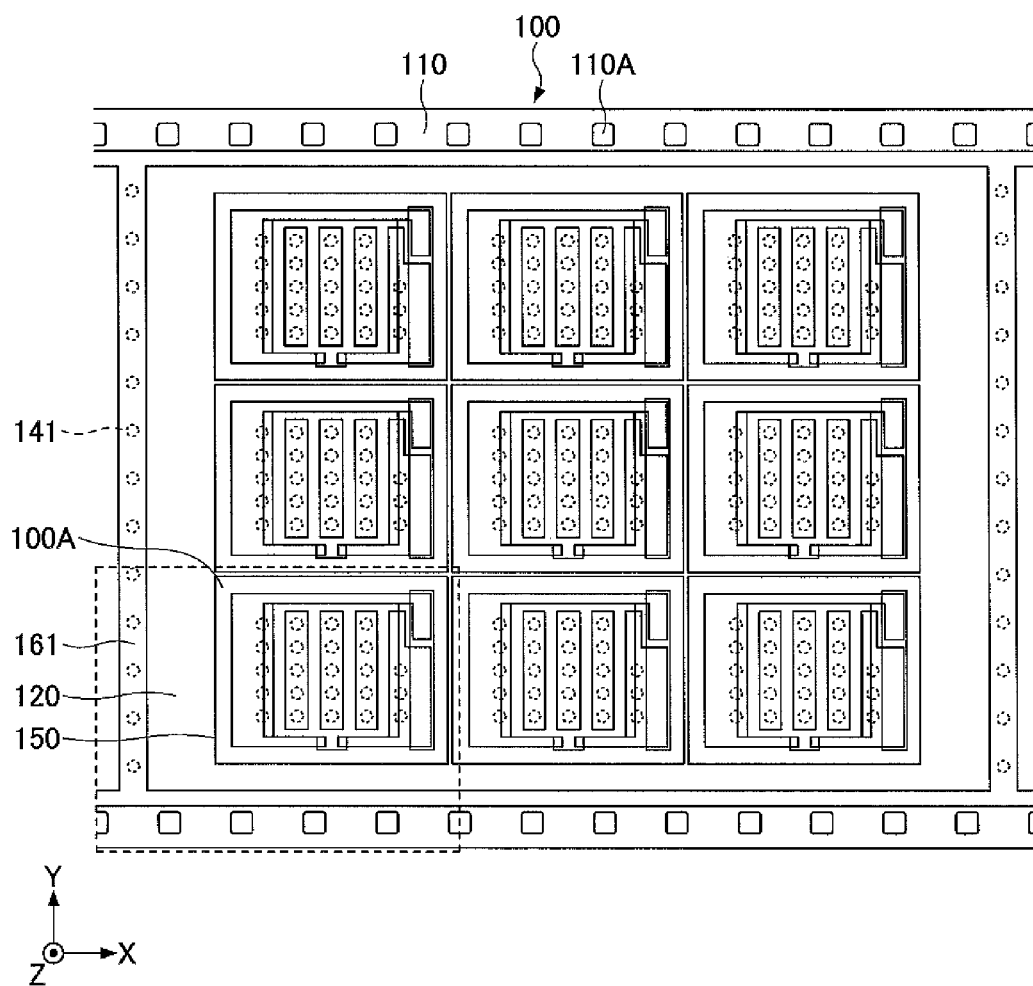




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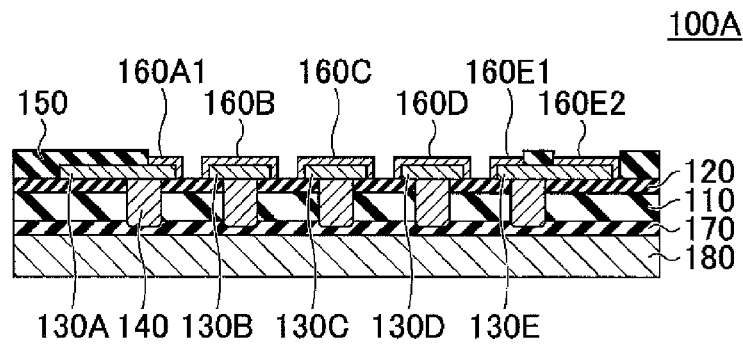


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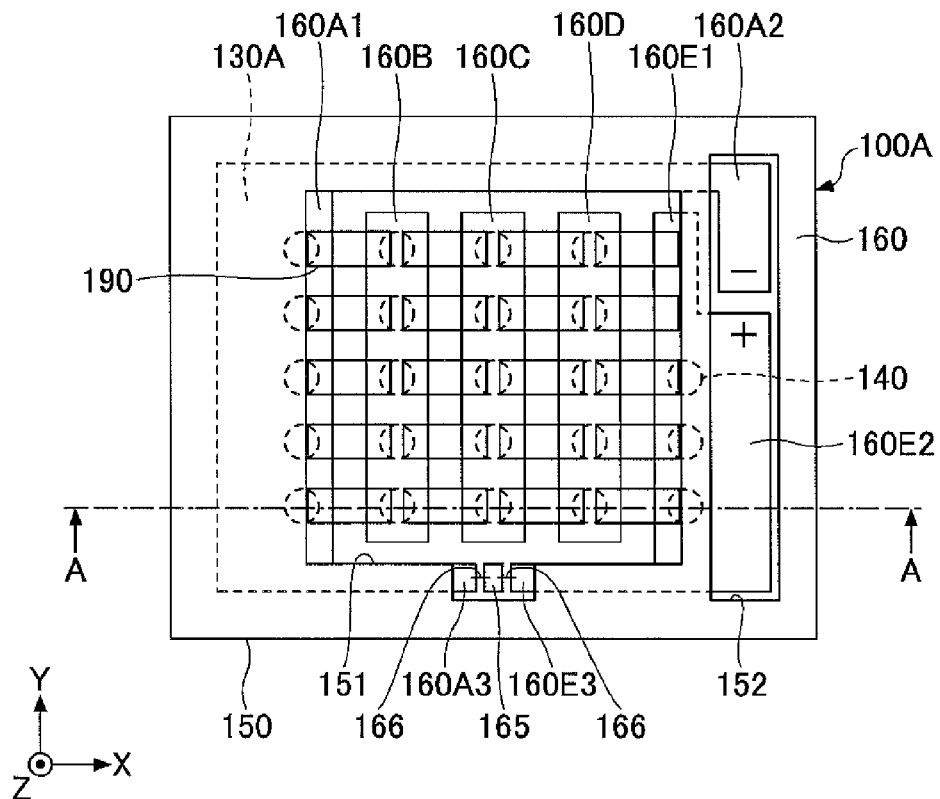


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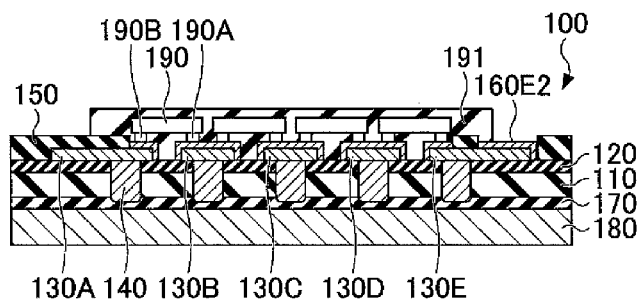


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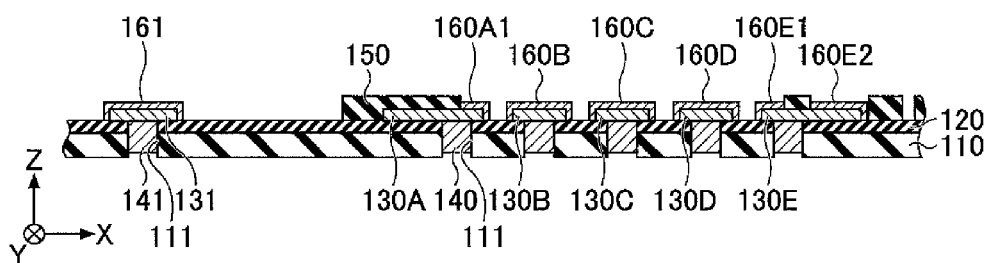


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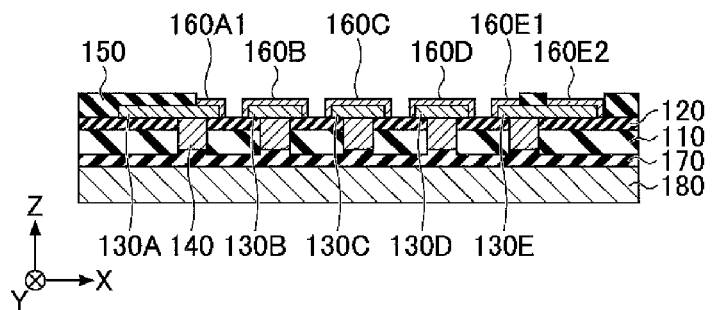


FIG. 7A



FIG. 7B



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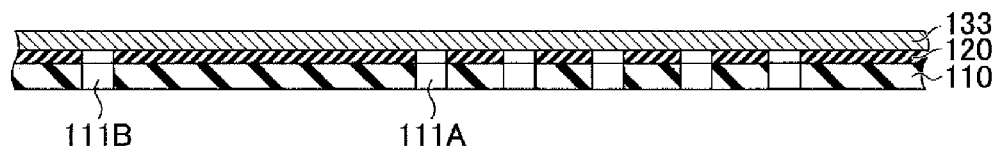


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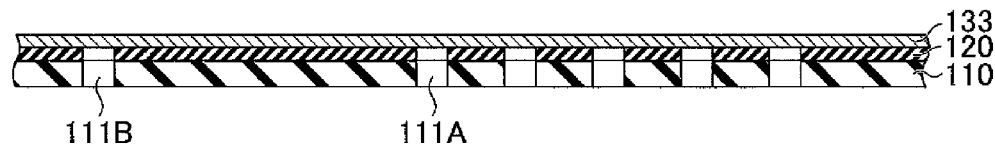


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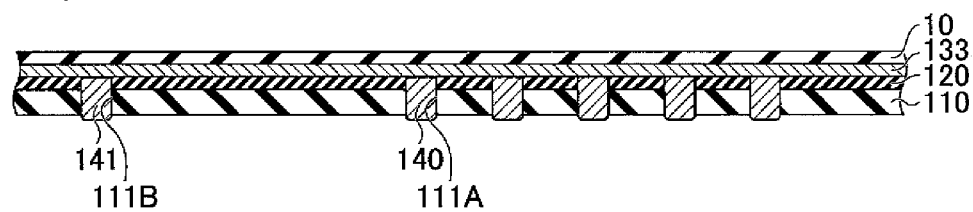


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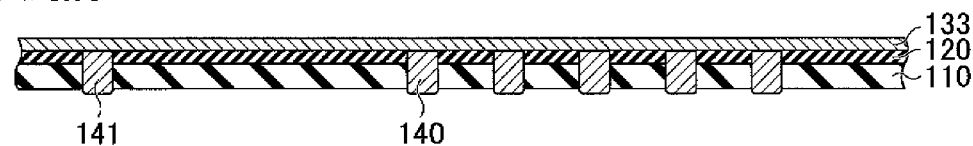


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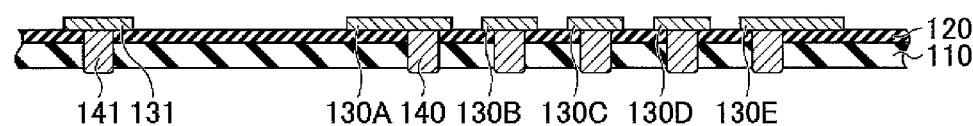


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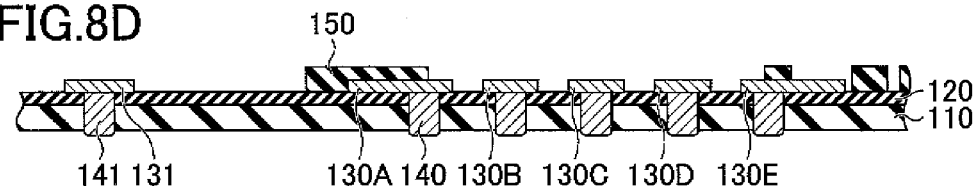


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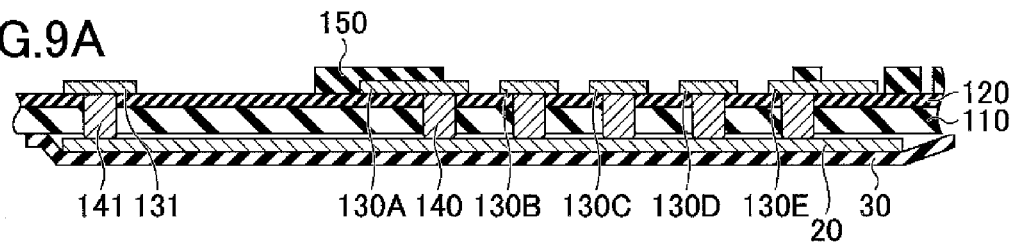


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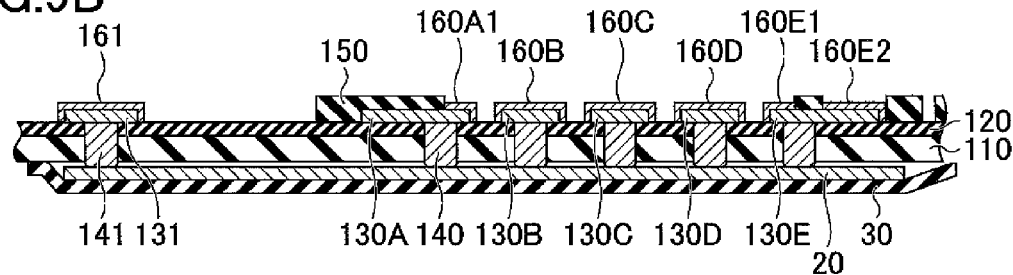


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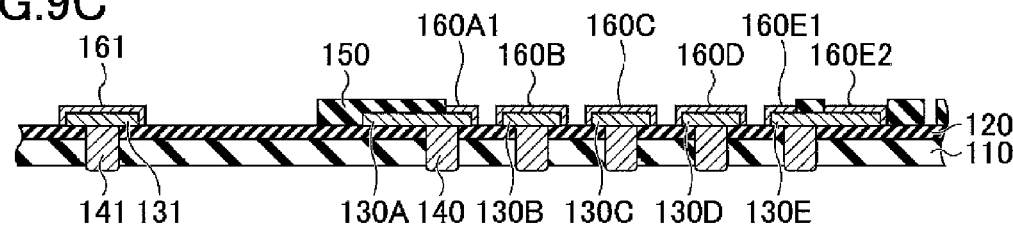


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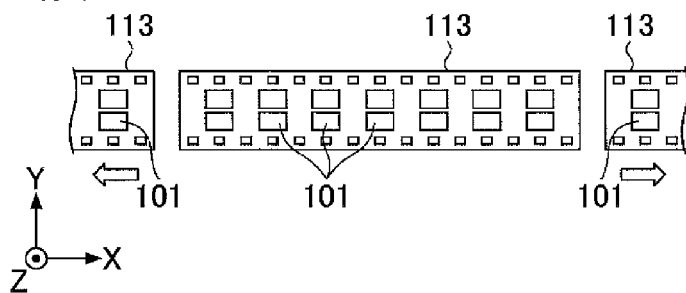


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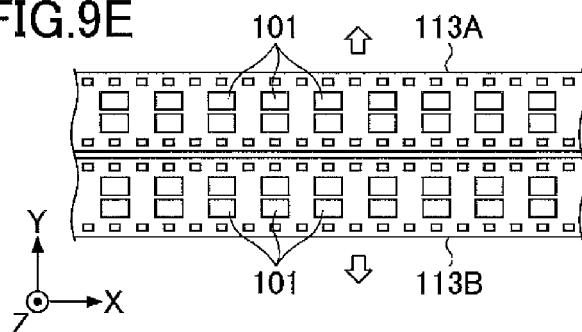




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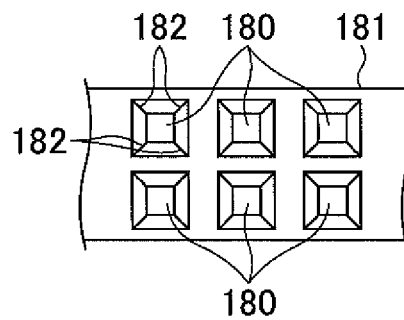


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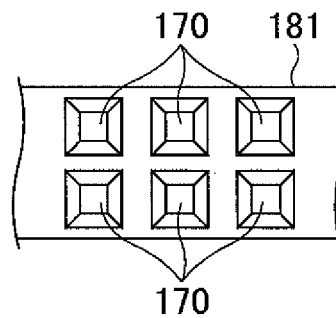


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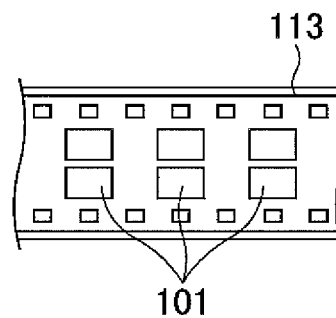


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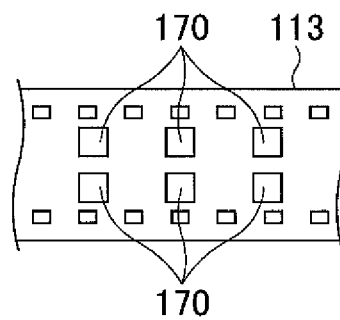


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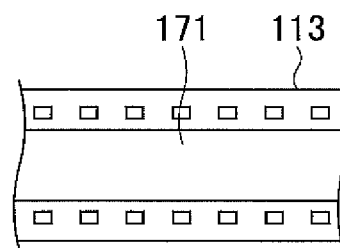


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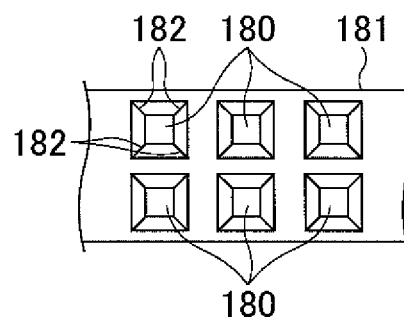


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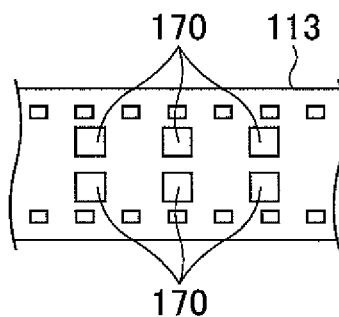


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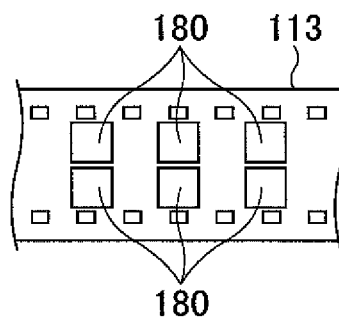


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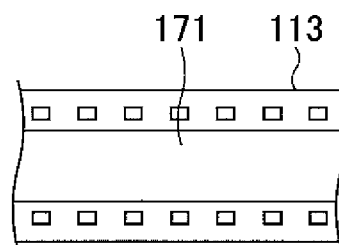


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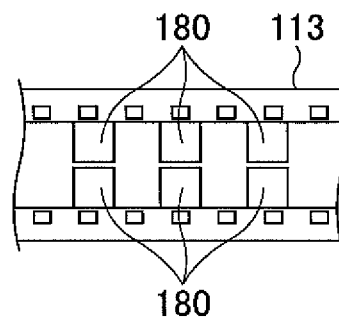


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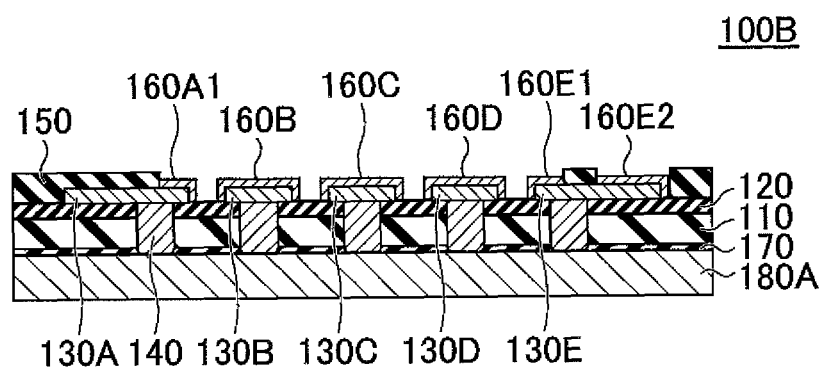


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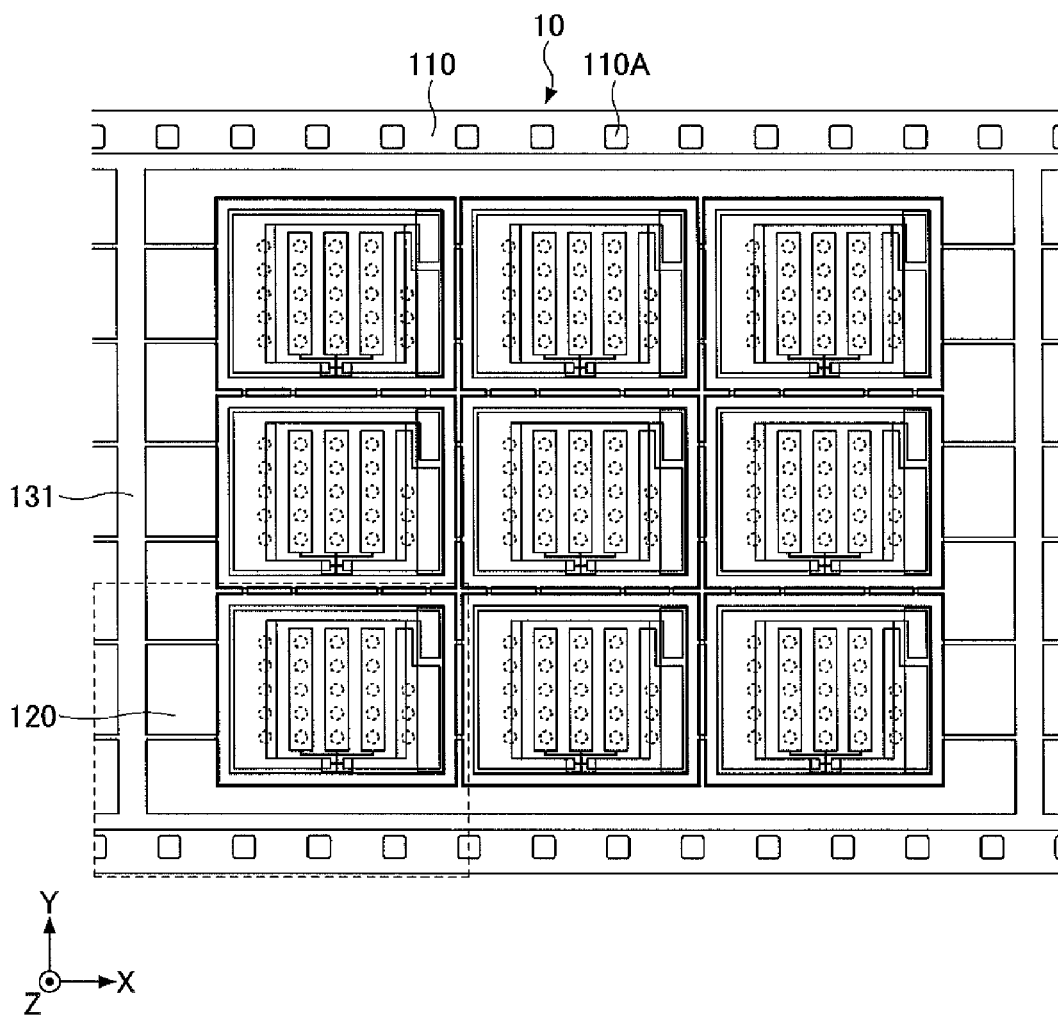


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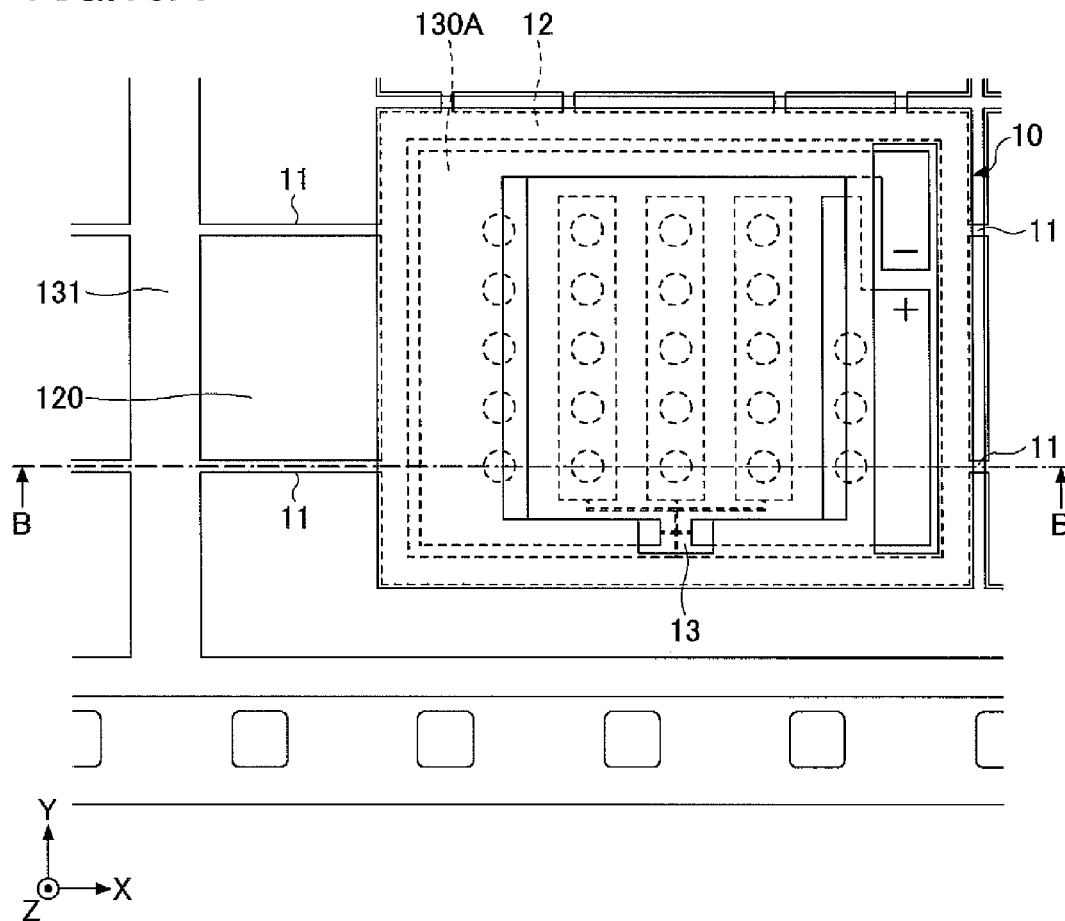


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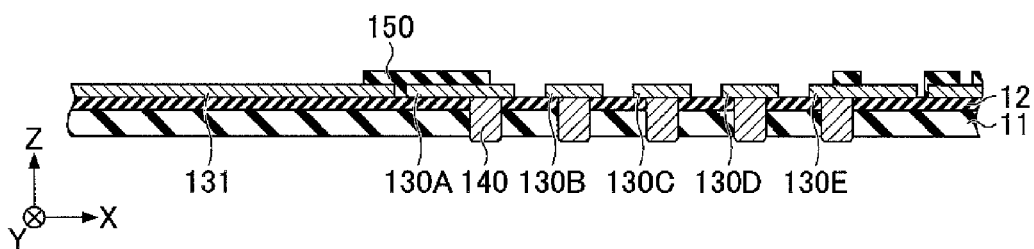


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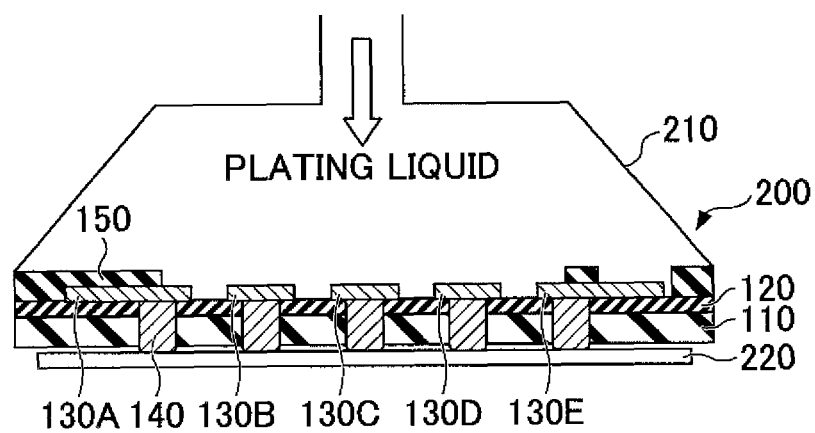
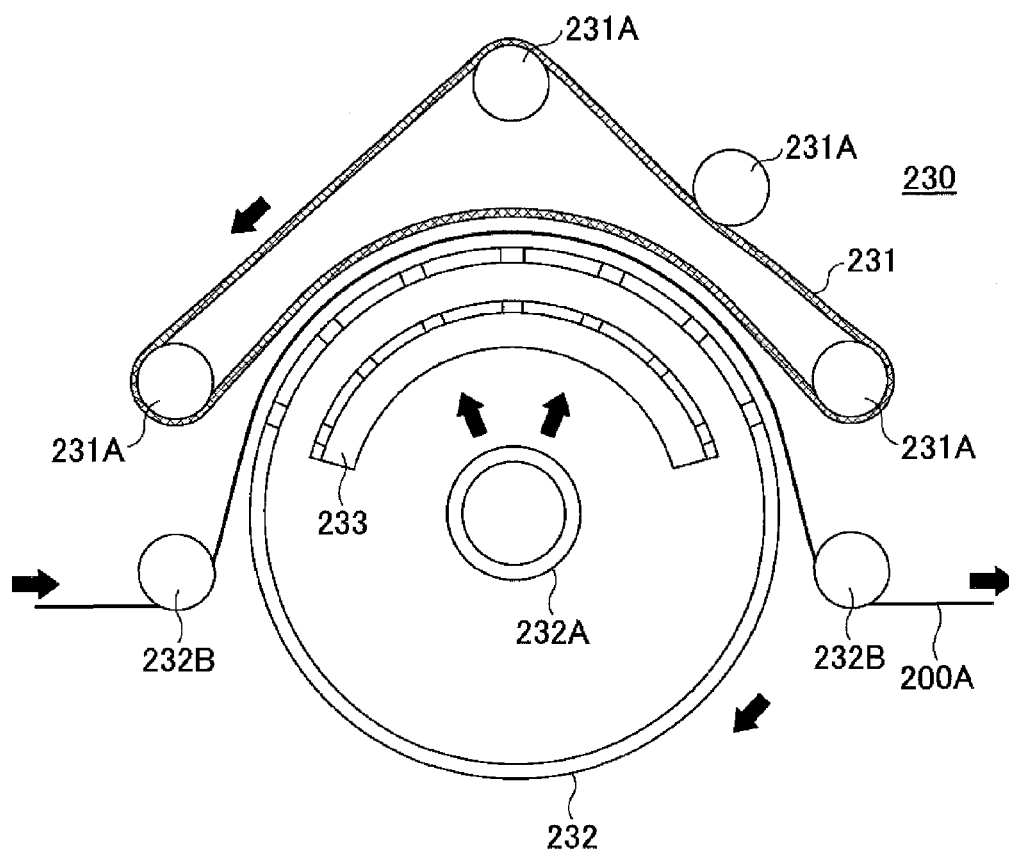


FIG.17





# WIRING SUBSTRATE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING WIRING SUBSTRATE

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority of the prior Japanese Patent Application No. 2012-050719 filed on Mar. 7, 2012, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

## FIELD

The embodiments discussed herein are related to a wiring substrate and a method for manufacturing the wiring substrate.

## BACKGROUND

Conventionally, there is an illumination apparatus having a flexible substrate including a front surface and a rear surface on the opposite side of the front surface. The substrate has multiple LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) mounted on a wiring pattern formed on the front surface and multiple heat radiation plates mounted on the rear surface.

The multiple heat radiation plates are adhered to the substrate to cover parts of the substrate corresponding to areas on which the LEDs are mounted. The heat radiation plates may be adhered to the substrate with an adhesive agent.

As described in, for example, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-092011, the conventional illumination apparatus has a LED mounted on a wiring substrate including a substrate, a wiring pattern (wiring), and a heat radiation plate.

In the wiring substrate of the conventional illumination apparatus, the wiring and the heat radiation plate are connected by way of a substrate that is formed of a resin material (e.g., fiberglass reinforced plastic) having a low thermal conductivity.

Therefore, the wiring substrate of the conventional illumination apparatus is unable to efficiently transfer heat generated by an electronic component having a heat generating property (e.g., LED) from the wiring on the front surface of the substrate to the heat radiation plate on the rear surface of the substrate.

## SUMMARY

According to an aspect of the invention, there is provided a wiring substrate including: an insulation substrate including a first surface, a second surface on an opposite side of the first surface, and first and second through-holes penetrating the insulation substrate from the first surface to the second surface; a wiring layer formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate; a first via formed in the first through-hole and connected to the wiring layer; a bus line separated from the wiring layer and the first via, and formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate; and a second via formed in the second through-hole and connected to the bus line.

The object and advantages of the invention will be realized and attained by means of the elements and combinations particularly pointed out in the claims.

It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the followed detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are not restrictive of the invention as claimed.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a plan view illustrating a wiring substrate according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 2A and 2B are enlarged views of an area illustrated with broken lines in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of a wiring substrate having a heat radiation plate attached thereto after singulation according to the first embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 4 and 5 are schematic diagrams illustrating a state where LEDs are mounted on a wiring substrate according to the first embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 6A and 6B are schematic diagrams for describing a modified example of a wiring substrate according to the first embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 7A to 12D are schematic diagrams illustrating processes for manufacturing a wiring substrate according to the first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 13 is a schematic diagram illustrating a cross-sectional view of a wiring substrate according to a modified example of the first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 14 is a plan view illustrating a wiring substrate according to a comparative example;

FIGS. 15A and 15B are enlarged views of an area illustrated with broken lines in FIG. 14;

FIG. 16 is a schematic diagram illustrating a state where a wiring substrate is placed in a sparger for performing a plating process according to a second embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 17 is a schematic diagram illustrating a plating apparatus used for manufacturing a wiring substrate according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

## DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

In the following, illustrative embodiments of the present invention are described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

### <First Embodiment>

FIG. 1 is a plan view illustrating a wiring substrate 100A according to a first embodiment of the present invention. FIGS. 2A and 2B are enlarged views of an area illustrated with broken lines in FIG. 1, in which FIG. 2A is a plan view of said area, and FIG. 2B is a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A of FIG. 2A. FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the wiring substrate 100A having a heat radiation plate attached thereto after singulation. The cross section illustrated in FIG. 3 corresponds to FIG. 2B. In FIGS. 1-3, an XYZ coordinate system is defined.

As illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2B, the wiring substrate 100 of the first embodiment includes a substrate 110, an adhesive layer 120, a wiring(s) 130 (130A, 130B, 130C, 130D, and 130E), a thermal conduction part(s) 140, an insulation layer 150, and a plating layer 160 (160A1, 160A2, 160A3, 160B, 160C, 160D, 160E1, 160E2, 160E3).

Further, the wiring substrate 100 also includes a bus line 131, a via 141, and a plating layer 161.

By performing singulation on the wiring substrate 100 along an outer frame of the insulation layer 150 illustrated in FIG. 1, nine wiring substrates 100A can be obtained. The wiring substrate 100A is a substrate having a rectangular shape from plan view.

After the singulation, a heat radiation plate 180 is attached to the wiring substrate 100A by way of an adhesive layer 170 as illustrated in FIG. 3.

According to the first embodiment, a tape-like object prior to being subjected to singulation (as illustrated in FIG. 1) is

referred to as the wiring substrate **100**. A substrate, prior to having attached the adhesive layer **170** and the heat radiation plate **180** but subsequent to being subjected to singulation, is referred to as the wiring substrate **100A**. In addition, a substrate, subsequent to being subjected to singulation and having attached the adhesive layer **170** and the heat radiation plate **180**, is also referred to as the wiring substrate **100A**.

Further, in a case where the wirings **130A**, **130B**, **130C**, **130D**, and **130E** are not particularly distinguished from each other, the wirings **130A**, **130B**, **130C**, **130D**, and **130E** are collectively referred to as “wiring **130**” or “wirings **130**”. Further, in a case where the plating layers **160A1**, **160A2**, **160A3**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, **160E1**, **160E2**, and **160E3** are not particularly distinguished from each other, the plating layers **160A1**, **160A2**, **160A3**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, **160E1**, **160E2**, and **160E3** are collectively referred to as “plating layer **160**” or “plating layers **160**”.

It is preferable to use, for example, an insulation resin film such as polyimide tape as the substrate **110**. A polyimide tape, which is an example of an insulation substrate, has a flexible property. Because polyimide tape is a tape-like film made of polyimide, polyimide tape is suitable for performing singulation after multiple wiring substrates **100A** are manufactured.

However, insulation resin films other than polyimide tape may also be used for the substrate **110**. For example, a film made of an epoxy type resin or a polyester type resin may be used as the substrate **110**.

In FIG. **1**, the tape-like substrate **110** extends in the X axis direction. Sprocket holes **110A** are formed on both ends of the substrate **100** in the transverse direction (Y axis direction) of the substrate **100**.

Further, the substrate **110** is not limited to an insulation substrate having a flexible property. For example, a substrate made of an FR4 (Flame Retardant 4) glass epoxy resin may be used as the substrate **110**.

The thickness of the substrate **110** may be, for example, approximately 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to 125  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The adhesive layer **120** is adhered to a front surface (upper surface in FIG. **2B**) of the substrate **110**. The wiring **130** is adhered to the substrate **110** by way of the adhesive layer **120**. For example, a heat resistant adhesive agent made of an insulation resin material (e.g., epoxy type adhesive agent, polyimide type adhesive agent) may be used as the adhesive layer **120**. The thickness of the adhesive layer **120** may be, for example, approximately 8  $\mu\text{m}$  to 12  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The wiring **130** may be adhered to the front surface of the substrate **110** by way of the adhesive layer **120** to form a predetermined pattern (i.e. patterning).

The wiring **130A** extends along the four sides of the rectangular-shaped wiring substrate **100A**, to thereby form a shape similar to the letter C. The plating layers **160A2** and **160A3** are layered on both ends of the wiring **130A**, respectively.

The wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D** have an elongated or an oblong shape from plan view. The wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D** are arranged in parallel with each other within a rectangular area surrounded by the wirings **130A** and **130E**. The wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D** extend in the Y axis direction. The wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D** are formed having long sides facing each other at predetermined intervals. That is, the wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D** are arranged in parallel at predetermined intervals, so that a long side of the elongated part of one of the wirings **130B**, **130C**, **130D** faces a corresponding long side of the elongated part of another one of the wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D**.

The wiring **130E** is a wiring having a shape of an inverted L. The wiring **130E** and the **130A** are arranged to form a rectangular shape. The wirings **130B**, **130C**, and **130D** are arranged in the rectangular area surrounded by the wirings **130A**, **130E**.

In this embodiment, the thermal conduction parts **140** are connected to bottom surfaces of the wirings **130A**-**130E**. The thermal conduction parts **140** are formed inside through-holes **111** of the substrate **110**. Five thermal conduction parts **140** are connected to each of corresponding wirings **130A**-**130D**. Three thermal conduction parts **140** are connected to the wiring **130E**.

The wirings **130A**-**130E** may be formed by, for example, patterning copper foil to the front surface of the substrate **110** by way of the adhesive layer **120**.

The wiring **130A** may have a maximum length of, for example, approximately 8.0 mm to 15.0 mm in the X axis direction. The wiring **130A** may have a maximum length of, for example, approximately 6.0 mm to 10.0 mm in the Y axis direction. The wiring **130A** may have a maximum width of, for example, approximately 2.0 mm to 3.0 mm. The wiring **130A** may have a minimum width of, for example, approximately 0.5 mm to 1.0 mm. The wiring **130A** may have a thickness of, for example, approximately 18  $\mu\text{m}$  to 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Each of the wirings **130B**-**130D** may have a length of, for example, approximately 5.0 mm to 10.0 mm in its longitudinal direction. Each of the wirings **130B**-**130D** may have a width of, for example, approximately 0.5 mm to 1.0 mm. Each of the wirings **130B**-**130D** may have a thickness of, for example, approximately 18  $\mu\text{m}$  to 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The wiring **130E** may have a maximum length of, for example, approximately 3.0 mm to 8.0 mm in the X axis direction. The wiring **130E** may have a maximum length of, for example, approximately 5.0 mm to 9.0 mm in the Y axis direction. The wiring **130E** may have a maximum width of, for example, approximately 2.0 mm to 3.0 mm. The wiring **130E** may have a minimum width of, for example, approximately 0.5 mm to 1.0 mm. The wiring **130E** may have a thickness of, for example, approximately 18  $\mu\text{m}$  to 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The bus line **131** is a wiring to be used as a power feeding line when forming the plating layer **160**. The bus line **131** is formed to surround the nine wiring substrates **100A**, in a plan view, prior to singulation.

Similar to the wirings **130A**-**130E**, the bus line **131** may be formed by patterning copper foil to the front surface of the substrate **110** by way of the adhesive layer **120**. The bus line **131** may be formed substantially simultaneously with the forming of the wirings **130A**-**130E**.

The via **141** is connected to a bottom surface of the bus line **131**. The plating layer **161** is formed on a top surface of the bus line **131**. Similar to the thermal conduction part **140**, the via **141** is formed inside the through-hole **111** of the substrate **110**.

The thermal conduction part **140** is a conduction part having a column-like (post-like) shape. The thermal conduction part **140** is formed inside the through-hole **111** of the substrate **110** that penetrates the substrate **110** from the front surface of the substrate **110** to the rear surface of the substrate **110**. The thermal conduction part **140** is an example of a first via used for releasing heat (thermal via). The through-hole **111** in which the thermal conduction part **140** is formed also penetrates the adhesive layer **120**. In other words, the thermal conduction part **140** not only penetrates the substrate **110** but also penetrates the adhesive layer **120**. A top end of the thermal conduction part **140** is connected to the wiring **130**. A bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140** is connected to the heat radiation plate **180** interposed by the adhesive layer

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170. The thermal conduction part 140 has a circular shape from plan view. That is, the thermal conduction part 140 is a conduction part having a circular column-like shape.

For example, a column-like copper material may be used as the thermal conduction part 140. The thermal conduction part 140 may be manufactured by feeding power to the wiring 130 prior to patterning the wiring 130 and growing a metal plating inside the through-hole 111 of the substrate 110 by using an electroplating process. The diameter of the thermal conduction part 140 may be, for example, approximately 0.2 mm to 0.8 mm. The plan-view shape of the thermal conduction part 140 is not limited to a circular shape. For example, the thermal conduction part 140 may have an elliptical shape, a rectangular shape, or a polygon shape from plan view. Accordingly, the thermal conduction part 140 is not limited to a circular column-like shape. For example, the thermal conduction part 140 may have a rectangular column-like shape or a polygonal column-like shape.

The thermal conduction part 140 has one end (top end of the thermal conduction part 140 in FIG. 3) connected to the wiring 130 and another end (bottom end of the thermal conduction part 140 in FIG. 3) exposed from the rear surface of the substrate 110. In the example illustrated in FIG. 3, the other end of the thermal conduction part 140 (bottom end of the thermal conduction part 140 in FIG. 3) projects from the rear surface of the substrate 110 and faces the heat radiation plate 180 interposed by the adhesive layer 170.

The other end of the thermal conduction part 140 (bottom end of the thermal conduction part 140 in FIG. 3) may be substantially flush with the rear surface of the substrate 110 or offset (recessed) more toward the inside of the through-hole 111 than the rear surface of the substrate 110.

Similar to the thermal conduction part 140, the via 141 is a conduction part having a column-like (post-like) shape. The via 141 is formed inside the through-hole 111 of the substrate 110 that penetrates the substrate 110 from the front surface of the substrate 110 to the rear surface of the substrate 110. The via 141 is an example of a second via.

The through-hole 111 in which the via 141 is formed also penetrates the adhesive layer 120. In other words, the via 141 not only penetrates the substrate 110 but also penetrates the adhesive layer 120. A top end of the via 141 is connected to the bus line 131. The via 141 has a circular shape from plan view.

For example, a column-like copper material may be used as the via 141. The via 141 may be manufactured by feeding power to the bus line 131 prior to patterning the bus line 131 and growing a metal plating inside the through-hole 111 of the substrate 110 by using an electroplating process. The via 141 may be formed with the same size as the above-described size of the thermal conduction part 140. Alternatively, the via 141 may be formed with a size that is different from the size of the thermal conduction part 140.

The insulation layer 150 is formed to cover a part of the front surface (upper surface in FIG. 2B) of the adhesive layer 120 that is not covered by the wiring 130. Further, the insulation layer 150 is formed to cover a part of the front surface (upper surface in FIG. 2B) of the wiring 130 that is not covered by the plating layer 160.

For example, in a case of mounting an electronic component (e.g., LED) having an illuminating property and a heat generating property where the plating layer 160 of the first embodiment is used as an electrode, a white insulation resin can be used for the insulation layer 150. This is because the reflectivity and the heat release rate of the insulation layer 150 can be improved by using an insulation resin having a white color, and the illuminance and the heat release rate of the

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below-described LED 190 can be improved. In other words, the insulation layer 150, in this case, functions as a reflection film.

The insulation resin used for the insulation layer 150 may be, for example, an epoxy type resin or a silicone type resin (e.g., organopolysiloxane) containing a filler or a pigment such as titanium oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) or barium sulfate (BaSO<sub>4</sub>). Alternatively, the insulation resin of the insulation layer 150 may be a white color ink made of an epoxy type resin or a silicone type resin (e.g., organopolysiloxane) containing a filler or a pigment such as titanium oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) or barium sulfate (BaSO<sub>4</sub>).

The insulation layer 150 includes an outer frame having a rectangular shape from plan view. Opening parts 151 and 152 are formed in the insulation layer 150.

The insulation layer 150 is formed to insulate at least the part of the front surface (upper surface in FIG. 2B) of the wiring 130 on which the plating layer 160 (160A1, 160A2, 160A3, 160B, 160C, 160D, 160E1, 160E2, and 160E3 in FIG. 2B) is not formed.

The plating layers 160A1, 160A3, 160B, 160C, 160D, 160E1, and 160E3 are exposed from the opening part 151 of the insulation layer 150. The plating layers 160A2 and 160E2 are exposed from the opening part 152 of the insulation layer 150.

Various types of insulation layers besides the white ink layer may be used as the insulation layer 150 according to the type of electronic component connected to the plating layers 160A1, 160B, 160C, 160D, and 160E1.

The insulation layer 150 is formed before forming the plating layer 160. More specifically, the insulation layer 150 is formed to expose an area of the wiring 130 on which the plating layer 160 is formed in a process subsequent to the forming of the insulation layer 150.

The plating layers 160A1, 160A2, 160A3, 160B, 160C, 160D, 160E1, 160E2, and 160E3 are formed on a part of the front surface of the wiring 130 that is not covered by the insulation layer 150.

More specifically, the plating layer 160A1, 160A2, and 160A3 are formed on a part of the front surface of the wiring 130A. The plating layer 160B, 160C, and 160D are formed on the entire front surface of the wirings 130B, 130C, and 130D, respectively. The plating layers 160E1, 160E2, and 160E3 are formed on a part of the wiring 130E.

Among the aforementioned plating layers, the plating layers 160A1, 160B, 160C, 160D, and 160E1 are used as electrodes to be connected to corresponding terminals of an electronic component(s).

For example, positive terminals and negative terminals of electronic components are alternately connected to the plating layers 160A1, 160B, 160C, 160D, and 160E1. In one illustrative case, a negative terminal of a first electronic component is connected to the plating layer 160A1, and a positive terminal of the first electronic component is connected to a left side of the plating layer 160B. Further, a negative terminal of a second electronic component is connected to a right side of the plating layer 160B, and a positive terminal of the second electronic component is connected to a left side of the plating layer 160C. Further, a negative terminal of a third electronic component is connected to a right side of the plating layer 160C, and a positive terminal of the third electronic component is connected to a left side of the plating layer 160D. Further, a negative terminal of a fourth electronic component is connected to a right side of the plating layer 160D, and a positive terminal of the electronic component is connected to the plating layer 160E1.

In this illustrative case, the plating layer **160A2** is connected to a negative terminal (−) of a direct-current (DC) power source whereas the plating layer **160E2** is connected to a positive terminal (+) of the direct-current power source.

By connecting the positive terminals and the negative terminals of the electronic components to the plating layers **160A1**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, and **160E1** in the above-described manner, four electronic components can be serially connected to the direct-current power source.

The adhesive layer **170** is adhered to the rear surface (lower surface in FIG. 2B) of the substrate **110**. The adhesive layer **170** adheres the heat radiation plate **180** and the substrate **110** together. It is preferable to use a material having high thermal conductivity as the adhesive layer **170**. For example, the material of the adhesive layer **170** may be a heat releasing adhesive agent having a filler (e.g., alumina) contained inside an insulation resin such as an epoxy type resin or a polyimide type resin.

The heat radiation plate **180** is a heat spreader adhered to the rear surface of the substrate **110** by way of the adhesive layer **170**. For example, a metal plate made of a metal material such as aluminum or copper may be used as the heat radiation plate **180**. Alternatively, a plate made of a ceramic material (e.g., alumina, aluminum nitride) may be used as the heat radiation plate **180**. Alternatively, an insulation plate made of a material having high thermal conductivity (e.g., silicon) may be used as the heat radiation plate **180**.

FIGS. 4 and 5 illustrate a state of an illumination apparatus obtained by mounting LEDs **190** on the above-described wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment. FIGS. 4 and 5 are schematic diagrams illustrating a state where LEDs **190** are mounted on the wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment. FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A of FIG. 4.

As illustrated in FIG. 4, twenty LEDs **190** are connected to the plating layers **160A1**, **160B**, **160C**, **160C**, **160D**, and **160E1**. A zener diode **165** is provided between the plating layer **160A3** and the plating layer **160E3**. The zener diode **165** is connected to the plating layers **160A3** and **160E3** by way of a bonding wire **166**.

As illustrated in FIG. 5 (i.e. cross-section taken along line A-A of FIG. 4), four LEDs **190** are connected to the plating layers **160A1**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, and **160E**. The LED **190** includes electrodes (not illustrated) that are connected to terminals **190A** and **190B**. The terminals **190A**, **190B** may be solder or bumps formed of, for example, gold. The LEDs **190** are connected to the wiring (wiring layer) **130** by way of the plating layers **160A1**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, **160E1**, and the terminals **190A**, **190B**.

The terminal **190A** and the terminal **190B** of the four LEDs **190** are connected to the plating layers **160A1**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, and **160E1**, respectively. The plating layers **160A1**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, and **160E1** may be connected to the terminals **190A** and **190B**, for example, by soldering.

The LEDs **190** are encapsulated by an encapsulating resin **191**. The encapsulating resin **191** is formed of, for example, a fluorescent material. The quality of the fluorescent material of the encapsulating resin **191** may be determined depending on the relationship with respect to the illumination color of the LED **190**. For example, in a case of an illumination apparatus having a blue LED (LED emitting blue light) **190** and the encapsulating resin **191** mounted on the wiring substrate **100**, a green or a red fluorescent material is to be used as the material of the encapsulating resin **191** if illumination of white light is desired.

For example, a silicone type resin or an epoxy type resin containing a fluorescent substance may be used as the mate-

rial of the encapsulating resin **191**. The LEDs **190** can be encapsulated by performing molding or potting on the LEDs **190** with the above-described encapsulating resin **191**.

The thermal conduction part **140** may be provided immediately below a part of the wiring **130** connected to at least one of the terminals **190A**, **190B** of the LED **190**. That is, the thermal conduction part **140** may be provided immediately below a part of the plating layer **160**. Thereby, a heat releasing path can be shortened and improve heat releasing performance.

It is, however, to be noted that the position of the thermal conduction part **140** is not limited to the position immediately below the part of the wiring **130** connected to at least one of the terminals **190A**, **190B** of the LED **190** (immediately below the part of the plating layer **160**).

Although FIG. 5 illustrates four LEDs **190** being integrally encapsulated by the encapsulating resin **191**, the LEDs **190** may be encapsulated separately by the encapsulating resin **191**. Alternatively, the LEDs **190** may be sorted into a number of groups and encapsulated in units of groups by the encapsulating resin **191**.

As illustrated in the below-described FIGS. 6A and 6B, the thermal conduction part **140** may be processed to be offset more toward the inside of the through-hole **111** than the rear surface of the substrate **110**.

FIGS. 6A and 6B are schematic diagrams for describing a modified example of the wiring substrate **100** of the first embodiment. FIG. 6A is a cross-sectional view illustrating the modified example of the wiring substrate **100** of the first embodiment. FIG. 6B is a cross-sectional view illustrating a state where the heat radiation plate **180** is attached to the modified example of wiring substrate **100** of the first embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. 6A, the thermal conduction part **140** is offset (recessed) more toward the inside of the through-hole **111** than the rear surface (lower surface in FIG. 6A) of the wiring substrate **100**, so that the thermal conduction part **140** is accommodated in the through-hole **111**. After forming the thermal conduction part **140** that protrudes from the rear surface of the substrate **110** in a negative direction of the Z axis and forming the plating layer **160** on the wiring **130**, the thermal conduction part **140** can be accommodated inside the through-hole **111** (as illustrated in FIG. 6) by removing the bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140**. The bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140** may be removed by, for example, polishing or etching. Although FIG. 6A illustrates a state where the bottom end of the via **141** is also removed, the bottom end of the via **141** may remain without being removed.

After removing the bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140** to accommodate the thermal conduction part **140** inside the through-hole **111** of the substrate **110**, and performing singulation, the heat radiation plate **180** may be attached to the substrate **110** by way of the adhesive layer **170**.

Next, a method for manufacturing the wiring substrate **100** of the first embodiment is described with reference to FIGS. 7A to 12D.

FIGS. 7A to 12D are schematic diagrams illustrating processes for manufacturing the wiring substrate **100** of the first embodiment.

The cross sections of a wiring substrate **100A** illustrated in FIGS. 7A to 9E correspond to the cross section illustrated in FIG. 2B. The longitudinal direction of the substrate **110** formed of a polyimide film corresponds to the X axis direction.

First, as illustrated in FIG. 7A, the adhesive layer **120** is formed on the front surface (upper surface in FIG. 7A) of the

substrate **110** by applying an adhesive agent on the front surface of the substrate **110**. Alternatively, an adhesive film may be used instead of the adhesive agent.

For example, the wiring substrate **100** may be manufactured by using a reel-to-reel method that uses a polyimide insulation resin tape as a base material. Thus, in this case, the substrate **110** of FIG. 7A is a partial cross section of a tape-like substrate **113** described below in FIG. 9D.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 7B, five through-holes **111A** and one through-hole **111B** are formed by a punching process. The five through-holes **111A** and one through-hole **111B** penetrate both the substrate **110** and the adhesive layer **120**. It is to be noted that the sprocket holes **110A** (see FIG. 1) are also formed substantially at the same time as performing the process of FIG. 7B.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 70, copper foil **133** is adhered onto the adhesive layer **120**. The copper foil **133** may have a thickness of, for example, approximately 18  $\mu\text{m}$  to 35  $\mu\text{m}$ . By the below-described patterning process, the copper foil **133** becomes the wiring **130** and the bus line **131**.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 7D, a lower surface of the copper foil **133** that faces the through-holes **111A**, **111B** and an upper surface of the copper foil **133** are etched by impregnation in a solution for wet-etching. By the etching process, a preservative remaining on the front surface of the copper foil **133** is removed together with a slight portion (e.g., 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2  $\mu\text{m}$  in the thickness direction of the copper foil **133**) of the front surface of the copper foil **133**. The etching process is performed according to necessity. That is, the etching process need not be always performed.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 8A, a masking tape **10** is adhered onto the upper surface of the copper foil **133**, and the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141** are grown by performing an electroplating process in which power is fed from the copper foil **133**. The thermal conduction part **140** is formed in the through-hole **111A** by depositing a metal plating on the rear surface of the copper foil **133** exposed from the through-hole **111A**, and the via **141** is formed in the through-hole **111B** by depositing a metal plating on the rear surface of the copper foil exposed from the through-hole **111B**. Thereby, the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141** are formed into column-like shapes in the through-holes **11A**, **11B**, respectively. In a state before the forming of the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141**, the top ends of the through-holes **111A**, **111B** are closed by the copper foil **133**.

By filling the insides of the through-holes **111A**, **111B** with the metal plating, the forming of the column-like thermal conduction parts **140** and vias **141** is completed. For example, the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141** may be formed by using an electroplating method. With the electroplating method, the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141** are formed by depositing a copper plating on the rear surface of the copper foil **133** and filling the inside of the through-holes **111A**, **111B** with the copper plating.

Because the through-holes **111A**, **111B** penetrate both the substrate **110** and the adhesive layer **120** and expose the rear surface of the copper foil **133**, the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141** are formed in column-like shapes penetrating both the substrate **110** and the adhesive layer **120**.

One end (top end in FIG. 8A) of the thermal conduction part **140** is connected to the copper foil **133**, and another end (bottom end in FIG. 8A) is exposed from the rear surface of the substrate **110**. Similarly, one end (top end in FIG. 8A) of the via **141** is connected to the copper foil **133**, and another end (bottom end in FIG. 8A) is exposed from the rear surface of the substrate **110**. In the example illustrated in FIG. 8A, the other end (bottom end of FIG. 8A) of the thermal conduction

part **140** and the other end (bottom end of FIG. 8A) of the via **141** are formed to protrude from the rear surface of the substrate **110**.

The masking tape **10** covers the upper surface of the copper foil **133** for preventing a copper layer on the upper surface of the copper foil **133** from growing during the process of growing the thermal conduction part **140** and the via **141** with the electroplating method. It is to be noted that the electroplating method (process) is performed by feeding power to the copper foil **133**.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 8B, the masking tape **10** is removed.

Then, resist is applied onto the copper foil **133** and exposed in accordance with the pattern of the wiring **130**, to thereby develop the pattern of the wiring **130**. Then, as illustrated in FIG. 8C, the wiring **130** and the bus line **131** are formed by using the resist to etch target areas of the copper foil **133** (patterning). It is to be noted that FIG. 8C illustrates a state after the resist is removed after the patterning of the wiring **130** is completed.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 8D, the insulation layer **150** is formed on a predetermined part of the wiring **130**. The predetermined part of the wiring **130** is located within a singulated wiring substrate **100A** and is an area in which the plating layer **160** is not formed in a subsequent process. For example, in a case where a white ink layer is to be used as the insulation layer **150**, the insulation layer **150** may be formed by a screen printing method. In a case where an insulation layer besides the white ink layer is to be used as the insulation layer **150**, the screen printing method or the like may be used to form the insulation layer **150**.

Further, in a case where another method besides the screen printing method is used to form the insulation layer **150** to cover the wiring **130**, the opening parts **151**, **152** (see, for example, FIG. 2A), exposing a part of the wiring **130** on which the plating layer **160** is formed, may be formed in the insulation layer **150** after forming the insulation layer **150**.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 9A, a masking tape **30** attached with a copper foil **20** is adhered to a lower side of the substrate **110**. Thereby, the copper foil **20** contacts the bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140** and the bottom end of the via **141**. In the state illustrated in FIG. 9A, the lower side of the substrate **110** is to be completely covered by the masking tape **30**.

Then, power is fed to the bus line **131**. In this state where power is fed to the bus line **131**, the bus line **131** is connected to the wirings **130A-130E** by way of the copper foil **20**. Therefore, power can also be fed to the wirings **130A-130E** by feeding power to the bus line **131**.

Accordingly, by performing an electroplating process while feeding power to all of the wirings **130A-130E** by way of the bus line **131** in the state illustrated in FIG. 9A, the plating layers **160A1**, **160A2**, **160A3**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, **160E1**, **160E2**, and **160E3** can be formed as illustrated in FIG. 9B.

The plating layers **160A1**, **160A2**, **160A3**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, **160E1**, **160E2**, and **160E3** may be formed by, for example, layering a nickel (Ni) layer and a gold (Au) layer on the wiring **130** in this order. However, other materials may also be used as the plating layers **160A1**, **160A2**, **160A3**, **160B**, **160C**, **160D**, **160E1**, **160E2**, and **160E3**. For example, a nickel (Ni) layer, a palladium (Pd) layer, and a gold (Au) layer may be layered on the wiring **130** in this order. Alternatively, a nickel (Ni) layer and a silver (Ag) layer may be layered on the wiring **130** in this order.

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It is to be noted that the same plating layer **161** as the plating layer **160** is formed on the bus line **131** when the plating layer **160** is being formed.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. **90**, the masking tape **30** attached with the copper foil **20** is removed. Thereby, the manufacturing of the wiring substrate **100A** of FIG. **2B** is completed.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. **9D**, the tape-like substrate **113** such as a polyimide tape is cut in a longitudinal direction of the tape-like substrate **113**. The tape-like substrate **113** substantially corresponds to the substrate **110** of FIG. **1** formed into a tape-like configuration.

In FIG. **9D**, reference numeral **101** indicates a wiring part that is to become a single wiring substrate **100A**. In FIG. **9D** and the drawings following FIG. **9D**, it is assumed that two wiring parts **101** are arranged in the Y axis direction. In the process of FIG. **9D**, the tape-like substrate **113** is cut, so that **14** wiring parts **101** are included in the cut tape-like substrate **113**.

As illustrated in FIG. **9E**, in a case where the tape-like substrate **113** is formed of four lines of wiring parts **101** in the width direction of the tape-like substrate **113**, the tape-like substrate **113** may be divided into tape-like substrates **113A** and **113B**. Then, similar to the process of FIG. **90**, the tape-like substrates **113A** and **113E** may be cut in the longitudinal direction of the tape-like substrates **113A** and **113B**, respectively.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. **10A**, a frame **181** including multiple heat radiation plates **180** is prepared. Four corners of each heat radiation plate **180** are hung on the frame **181** by way of linear connection parts **182**. The frame **181** is formed by performing a punching process or an etching process on a hoop-like metal material.

FIG. **10A** illustrates only a part of the frame **181** in a longitudinal direction of the frame **181** (part of the frame **181** in which six heat radiation plates **180** are formed). However, the actual frame **181** is long in the left/right directions in correspondence with the tape-like substrate **113** (see, for example, FIG. **9D**).

Then, as illustrated in FIG. **10B**, the adhesive layer **170** is formed by applying, for example, an adhesive paste or an adhesive liquid to each heat radiation plate **180** formed on the frame **181**. Then, as illustrated in FIG. **100**, the tape-like substrate **113** is adhered onto the frame **181**. In the process of FIG. **100**, each adhesive layer **170** adheres corresponding heat radiation plate **180** and the tape-like substrate **113**. Alternatively, in forming the adhesive layer **170**, an adhesive film may be laminated instead of applying the adhesive paste or adhesive liquid.

It is to be noted that, the adhesive layer **120**, the wiring **130**, the thermal conduction part **140**, the insulation layer **150**, and the plating layer **160** (see, for example, FIGS. **2A** and **2B**) are formed on the tape-like substrate **113**.

After the process in FIG. **100** is finished, a singulation process (e.g., punching process, dicing process) is performed on the tape-like substrate **113**. Thereby, multiple singulated wiring substrates **100A** can be shipped in a state illustrated FIG. **3**. In this singulation process, the connection parts **182** may be cut off from the frame **181**.

Alternatively, multiple wiring parts **101** may be shipped in a sheet-like state by omitting the singulation process.

In the example illustrated in FIGS. **10A-10C**, the tape-like substrate **113** and the heat radiation plate **180** are adhered by way of the adhesive layer **170** in a state where the adhesive layer **170** is formed on the heat radiation plate **180** before-

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hand. Alternatively, the adhesive layer **170** may be formed on the tape-like substrate **113** beforehand instead of the heat radiation plate **180**.

As illustrated in FIG. **11A**, adhesive layers **170** may be formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** beforehand. Then, as illustrated in FIG. **11C**, the frame **181** may be adhered to the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** on which the adhesive layers **170** are formed. The adhesive layers **170** may be formed in areas of the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** in correspondence with positions of corresponding wiring parts **101** (see, for example, FIG. **10C**).

Further, as illustrated in FIG. **11B**, a tape-like adhesive layer **171** may be formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** on which the adhesive layers **170** are formed. Then, as illustrated in FIG. **11C**, the frame **181** may be formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** by way of the tape-like adhesive layer **171**. Alternatively, an adhesive agent may be used instead of the tape-like adhesive layer **171**.

Further, as illustrated in FIGS. **12A-12D**, the heat radiation plates **180**, which are singulated beforehand, may be adhered to the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113**.

That is, as illustrated in FIG. **12A**, first, adhesive layers **170** are formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113**. Then, as illustrated in FIG. **12B**, heat radiation plates **180** are formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** on which the adhesive layers **170** are formed. The adhesive layers **170** may be formed in areas of the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** in correspondence with positions of corresponding wiring parts **101** (see, for example, FIG. **10C**).

Further, as illustrated in FIG. **12C**, the tape-like adhesive layer **171** may be formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** on which the adhesive layers **170** are formed. Then, as illustrated in FIG. **12D**, the heat radiation plates **180** may be formed on the rear surface of the tape-like substrate **113** by way of the tape-like adhesive layer **171**. Alternatively, an adhesive agent may be used instead of the tape-like adhesive layer **171**.

By performing singulation (e.g., punching process, dicing process) after the processes of FIGS. **12B** and **12D**, multiple singulated wiring substrates **100A** can be shipped in a state illustrated in FIGS. **1-3**.

Alternatively, multiple wiring parts **101** may be shipped in a sheet-like state by omitting the singulation process.

Accordingly, manufacturing of the wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment is completed.

The wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment has the wiring **130** and the heat radiation plate **180** thermally connected to each other by way of the heat conduction part **140**. Because the thermal conduction part **140** is formed of copper, significantly high thermal conductivity can be achieved compared to the substrate **110** made of polyimide. Further, because the adhesive layer **170**, which connects the bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140** and the heat radiation plate **180**, is an adhesive agent having high thermal conductivity, thermal resistance between the thermal conduction part **140** and the heat radiation plate **180** can be reduced.

Accordingly, even in a case where the LED **190** is used in a state connected to the plating layer **160**, the heat generated by the LED **190** can be efficiently transferred from the plating layer **160** to the heat radiation plate **180** by way of the thermal conduction part **140**. Thereby, the heat releasing property of the wiring substrate **100A** can be significantly improved.

In other words, the heat generated from an electronic component connected to one surface of the substrate **110** can be efficiently transferred to the heat radiation plate **180** provided on the other surface of the substrate **110** opposite to the one surface of the substrate **110**.

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Accordingly, with the above-described first embodiment of the present invention, there can be provided a wiring substrate 100A that can efficiently transfer heat generated by an electronic component connected to one surface of the substrate 110 to the heat radiation plate 180 provided on the other surface of the substrate 110 opposite to the one surface of the substrate 110, and significantly improve heat releasing property.

Further, in the wiring substrate 100A of the first embodiment, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are separated from each other. Further, the electroplating process for forming the plating layer 160 is performed by feeding power from the bus line 131 to the wiring 130 by way of the via 141, the copper foil 20, and the thermal conduction part 140 in a state where the copper foil 20 is in contact with the bottom end of the thermal conduction part 140 and the bottom end of the via 141.

Therefore, after singulation of the wiring substrate 100, metal members such as the wiring 130 can be prevented from projecting from the insulation layer 150 of the singulated wiring substrate 100A.

Instead of feeding power to the wiring 130 from the bus line 131 (positioned away from the wiring 130) by way of the copper foil 20 (see, for example, FIGS. 9A and 9B), it is assumed that the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are connected to each other on the front surface of the substrate 110 by way of an additional wiring(s) and power is fed from the bus line 131 to the wiring 130 by the additional wiring (described in detail in comparative example below). In this case, in order for the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 to be connected by the additional wiring, the insulation layer 150 is to be penetrated by the additional wiring.

Due to this configuration in which the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are connected on the front surface of the substrate 110 by the additional wiring, the additional wiring penetrating the insulation layer 150 is to be cut during the singulation process. Accordingly, after the singulation process, a cut portion(s) of the additional wiring may remain at the sides of the insulation layer 150 of the singulated wiring substrate (final product) 100A.

The cut portion of the additional wiring may lead to, for example, short-circuiting and rusting when the wiring substrate 100A is used.

However, with the wiring substrate 100A of the first embodiment, the cause of short-circuiting and rusting can be eliminated because no additional wiring penetrating the insulation layer 150 is used. Thereby, a highly reliable wiring substrate 100A can be provided.

In the above-described wiring substrate 100, 100A of the first embodiment, the shapes of the wirings 130A-130E and the shapes of the plating layers 160A1-160E3 are not limited to those described above.

The shapes of the wirings 130A-130E and the shapes of the plating layers 160A1-160E3 may be modified according to, for example, the arrangement of the electronic components mounted on the wiring substrate 100, 100A or the usage of the wiring 130.

In the above-described embodiment of the present invention, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are formed on the substrate 110 interposed by the adhesive layer 120.

Alternatively, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 may be formed as follows. First, a metal layer is directly formed on the front surface of the substrate 110 made of an insulation resin film (e.g., polyimide). The metal layer may be formed by, for example, an electroless plating method, a sputtering method, or an electroplating method using copper. Then, through-holes are formed in the substrate (insulation resin

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film) 110 by, for example, a laser processing method. Then, the thermal conduction part 140 and the via 141 are formed by electroplating where the metal layer is used as a power feeding layer. Then, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are formed by etching the metal layer.

Alternatively, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 may be formed as follows. First, an insulation resin film is formed by applying an insulation resin (e.g., polyimide) to a metal foil (e.g., copper foil). Then, through-holes are formed in the insulation resin film. Then, the heat conduction part 140 and the via 141 are formed by electroplating where the metal foil is used as a power feeding layer. Then, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are formed by etching the metal foil.

In the above-described embodiment of the present invention, the LEDs 190 are mounted on the wiring substrate 100A. Alternatively, for example, an LSI (Large Scale Integrated Circuit) of a BGA (Ball Grid Array) Package may be mounted on the wiring substrate 100A.

FIG. 13 is a schematic diagram illustrating a cross-sectional view of a wiring substrate 100B according to a modified example of the first embodiment.

The wiring substrate 100B of the modified example is different from the wiring substrate 100A of the first embodiment (see, for example, FIG. 2B) in that a heat radiation plate 180A of the wiring substrate 100B is formed of an insulation material, and an end part of the thermal conduction part 140 is directly connected to the heat radiation plate 180A without the adhesive layer 170 interposed therebetween.

For example, the heat radiation plate 180A may be formed of ceramic (e.g., alumina, aluminum nitride) or silicon. In a case where the heat radiation plate 180A is formed of silicon, an insulation film such as an oxide film is formed on a front surface of the heat radiation plate 180A. In a case where the heat radiation plate 180A is formed of an insulation material such as ceramic, the potential of the wirings 130A-130E is not affected by directly connecting the heat radiation plate 180A to wirings 130A-130E by way of the thermal conduction part 140.

Therefore, in a case where an insulation material is used for the heat radiation plate 180A, the thermal conduction part 140 can be directly connected to the heat radiation plate 180A without the adhesive layer 170 interposed therebetween. That is, the end (bottom end in FIG. 13) of the thermal conduction part 140 directly contacts the surface of the heat radiation plate 180A by being pressed against the heat radiation plate 180A.

In the case of directly connecting the heat conducting part 140 to the heat radiation plate 180A, the adhesive layer 170 may be patterned to avoid the thermal conduction part 140. <Comparative Example>

In the following comparative example, the wiring 130 and the bus line 131 are connected on the front surface of the substrate 110. In the comparative example, like components are denoted with like reference numerals as the reference numerals of the wiring substrate 100, 100A of the first embodiment and are not further explained.

FIG. 14 is a plan view illustrating a wiring substrate 10 according to the comparative example. FIGS. 15A and 15B are enlarged views of an area illustrated with broken lines in FIG. 14, in which FIG. 15A is a plan view of said area, and FIG. 15B is a cross-sectional view taken along line B-B of FIG. 15A. FIGS. 14, 15A, and 15B basically correspond to FIGS. 1, 2A, and 2B of the first embodiment. However, FIGS. 14, 15A, and 15B illustrate a state before the plating layer 160 is formed.

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The wiring substrate **10** of the comparative example includes the wirings **130** and the bus line **131** connected by wirings **11**, **12**, and **13**.

More specifically, the wiring **11** is a part that connects the bus line **131** and the wiring **12**. The wiring **12**, which has a rectangular ring shape, is formed in a periphery of the wirings **130A** and **130E**. The wiring **12** is covered by the insulation layer **150**. The wiring **13** is a part that connects the wiring **12** and the wirings **130A-130E**.

In the wiring substrate **10** of the comparative example, the electroplating process for forming the plating layer **160** (see, for example, FIGS. **2A** and **22**) is performed in a state where power is fed from the bus line **131** to the wirings **130A-1302** by way of the wirings **11**, **12**, and **13**.

Therefore, when singulation of the wiring substrate **10** (illustrated in FIGS. **14**, **15A**, **15B**) is performed along the broken lines of FIG. **15A** after forming the plating layer **160** (see, for example, FIGS. **2A** and **2B**), the wiring **11** is exposed from the insulation layer **15** of the singulated wiring substrate **10**.

Accordingly, the exposed wiring **11** may lead to, for example, short-circuiting and rusting of the wiring substrate **10**.

Further, with the wiring substrate **10** of the comparative example illustrated in FIGS. **14**, **15A**, and **15B**, the wiring **13** is required to be etched after the electroplating process. This increases the number of steps for manufacturing the wiring substrate **10** and results in increase of manufacturing cost.

On the other hand, with the wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment, the cause of short-circuiting and rusting can be eliminated because no wiring penetrating the insulation layer **150** is used. Thereby, a highly reliable wiring substrate **100A** can be provided. Further, manufacturing cost can be reduced because there is no need for etching of the wiring **13**.

[Second Embodiment]

A wiring substrate **200** according to a second embodiment is different from the wiring substrate **100**, **100A** of the first embodiment in that the method for forming the plating layer **160** is different from that of the wiring substrate **100**, **100A** of the first embodiment. Further, due to this difference, the configuration of the wiring substrate **200** of the second embodiment is different from that of the wiring substrate **100**, **100A** of the first embodiment. It is to be noted that, in the wiring substrate **200** of the second embodiment, like components are denoted with like reference numerals as the reference numerals of the wiring substrate **100**, **100A** of the first embodiment and are not further explained.

FIG. **16** is a schematic diagram illustrating a state where the wiring substrate **200** is placed in a sparger **210** for performing a plating process.

The wiring substrate **200** of the second embodiment is in a state before being singulated and has no bus line **131** (see, for example, FIGS. **1**, **2A**, and **2B**).

Similar to the wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment illustrated in FIG. **3**, FIG. **16** illustrates the wiring substrate **200** in a state after singulation. However, FIG. **16** illustrates the wiring substrate **200** in a state before the plating layer **160** is formed.

As illustrated in FIG. **16**, the wiring substrate **200** is placed in the sparger **210**, and the bottom end of the thermal conduction part **140** is pressed to a power feeding plate **220**.

In the state illustrated in FIG. **16**, an electroplating process is performed by feeding power from the power feeding plate **200** to the wirings (wiring layers) **130** (**130A-1302**) by way of the thermal conduction part **140** and supplying a plating liquid on an upper surface of the wiring substrate **200** placed in

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the sparger **210**. Thereby, the plating layer **160** (see, for example, FIG. **3**) can be formed on the wiring **130** (**130A-130E**).

Although the example illustrated in FIG. **16** performs the electroplating process by placing the singulated wiring substrate **200** in the sparger **210** and pressing the power feeding plate **220** from a bottom side of the wiring substrate **200** to the thermal conduction part **140**, an electroplating process can be performed on a tape-like wiring substrate (i.e., the wiring substrate **200** before being singulated) **200** by the below-described method.

FIG. **17** is a schematic diagram illustrating a plating apparatus **230** used for manufacturing the wiring substrate **200** according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

The plating apparatus **230** includes a loop-like power-feeding belt **231**, a sparger drum **232**, and an anode **233**.

The power-feeding belt **231** is span around four guide rollers **231A** and the sparger drum **232**.

The sparger drum **232** is driven to rotate in a clockwise direction by a drive shaft **232A**. The sparger drum **232** includes an outer peripheral surface having holes formed therein. The plating liquid emitted from the anode **233** is ejected onto the outer peripheral surface of the sparger drum **232**.

Further, two guide rollers **2322** are arranged at the sides of the sparger drum **232**. The guide roller **232B** on the left side of the sparger drum **232** guides the tape-like wiring substrate **200A** at an entrance side of the sparger drum **232** whereas the guide roller **2325** on the right side of the sparger drum **232** guides the tape-like wiring substrate **200A** at an exit side of the sparger drum **232**.

The anode **233**, which is provided on an upper side of the drive shaft **232A** of the sparger drum **232**, ejects the plating liquid upward to the sparger drum **232**.

The tape-like wiring substrate **200A** is a tape-like substrate that is in a state before being singulated as the wiring substrate **200** illustrated in FIG. **16**. The wiring substrate **200A** illustrated in FIG. **17** is positioned upside down compared to the wiring substrate **200** illustrated in FIG. **16**. In other words, the wirings **130** (**130A-130E**) (see, for example, FIG. **16**) are positioned on a lower side of the wiring substrate **200A** in FIG. **17**. In this state, the wiring substrate **200A** is guided in a clockwise direction by the sparger drum **232** in a state where the wiring substrate **200A** is span around the sparger drum **232** and pressed downward by the power-feeding belt **231** positioned above the sparger drum **232**.

When the wiring substrate **200A** is being guided by the sparger drum **232**, an end part (an end part opposite to an end part connected to the wirings **130A-130E**) of the thermal conduction part **140** (see, for example, FIG. **16**) of the wiring substrate **200A** is in contact with the power-feeding belt **231** and is fed with power from the power-feeding belt by way of the thermal conduction part **140**.

Further, when the wiring substrate **200A** is being guided by the sparger drum **232**, the wirings **130A-130E** are in contact with the sparger drum **232** and are supplied with plating liquid from the anode **233** of the sparger drum **232**.

Accordingly, during a period where the wiring substrate **200A** is guided between the power-feeding belt **231** and the sparger drum **232**, the wirings **130** (**130A-130E**) are fed with power from the power-feeding belt **231** by way of the thermal conduction part **140**, and a front surface of the wirings **130** (**130A-130E**) is fed with plating liquid from the anode **233** by way of the sparger drum **232**.

Therefore, during the period where the wiring substrate **200A** is guided between the power-feeding belt **231** and the



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sparger drum **232**, the plating layer **160** (see, for example, FIG. **3**) is formed on the front surface of the wirings **130** (**130A-130E**).

Accordingly, with the above-described method, the electroplating method can be performed on the tape-like wiring substrate **200A**. Thus, productivity can be improved.

Hence, with the method for manufacturing the wiring substrate according to the second embodiment of the present invention, the plating layer **160** can be formed on the wirings **130** by using the thermal conduction part **140** to feed power from a rear surface of the wiring substrate **200**, **200A** to the wiring **130**.

With the wiring substrate **200**, **200A** manufactured by the method of the second embodiment, the cause of short-circuiting and rusting can be eliminated because no wiring penetrating the insulation layer **150** is used. Thereby, a highly reliable wiring substrate **200**, **200A** can be provided.

In addition, similar to the wiring substrate **100A** of the first embodiment, by attaching the heat radiation plate **180** with the adhesive layer **170**, there can be provided a wiring substrate **200A** that can efficiently transfer heat generated by an electronic component connected to one surface of the substrate **110** to the heat radiation plate **180** provided on the other surface of the substrate **110** opposite to the one surface of the substrate **110**, and significantly improve heat releasing property.

All examples and conditional language recited herein are intended for pedagogical purposes to aid the reader in understanding the invention and the concepts contributed by the inventor to furthering the art, and are to be construed as being without limitation to such specifically recited examples and conditions, nor does the organization of such examples in the specification relate to a showing of the superiority and inferiority of the invention. Although the embodiments of the present invention have been described in detail, it should be understood that the various changes, substitutions, and alterations could be made hereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A wiring substrate comprising:  
an insulation substrate including  
a first surface,  
a second surface on an opposite side of the first surface,  
and  
first and second through-holes penetrating the insulation substrate from the first surface to the second surface;  
a wiring layer formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate;  
a first via formed in the first through-hole and having one end connected to the wiring layer and another end projecting from the second surface of the insulation substrate;  
a bus line separated from the wiring layer and the first via, and formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate; and  
a second via formed in the second through-hole and connected to the bus line.
2. The wiring substrate as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
a plating layer formed on a front surface of the wiring layer; wherein the plating layer is formed by feeding power to the bus line in a state where the first and the second vias are electrically connected on a side toward the second surface of the insulation substrate.
3. The wiring substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bus line encompasses an area in which the wiring layer and the first via are formed.

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4. The wiring substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first via is configured to conduct heat between the first surface of the insulation substrate and the second surface of the insulation substrate.

5. A method for manufacturing a wiring substrate, the method comprising:

forming a wiring layer on a first surface of an insulation substrate;

forming a first through-hole penetrating the insulation substrate from the first surface to a second surface on an opposite side of the insulation substrate;

forming a first via in the first through-hole, the first via having one end connected to the wiring layer and another end projecting from the second surface of the insulation substrate;

forming a metal sheet contacting the first via; and

forming a plating layer on a front surface of the wiring layer by electroplating in a state where power is fed to the first via and the wiring layer by way of the metal sheet.

6. The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:  
forming a second through-hole penetrating the insulation substrate from the first surface to the second surface of the insulation substrate;

forming a bus line in a position separated from the wiring layer and the first via, on the first surface of the insulation substrate; and

forming a second via in the second through-hole in connection with the bus line;

wherein the forming of the metal sheet includes forming the metal sheet to contact the second via,

wherein the plating layer is formed while feeding power to the metal sheet by way of the second via by feeding power to the bus line.

7. The method as claimed in claim 6,  
wherein the bus line and the second via are separated from the wiring layer and the first via,  
wherein the bus line and the second via are electrically insulated from the wiring layer and the first via.

8. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the forming of the plating layer includes forming the plating layer by using a sparger while feeding power to the metal sheet.

9. The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:  
forming an insulation layer that exposes a part of the wiring layer as a terminal, on the wiring layer.

10. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first via is configured to conduct heat between the first surface of the insulation substrate and the second surface of the insulation substrate.

11. A wiring substrate comprising:

an insulation substrate including

a first surface,

a second surface on an opposite side of the first surface,  
and

first and second through-holes penetrating the insulation substrate from the first surface to the second surface;

a wiring layer formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate;

a first via formed in the first through-hole and connected to the wiring layer;

a bus line separated from the wiring layer and the first via, and formed on the first surface of the insulation substrate; and

a second via formed in the second through-hole and connected to the bus line;

wherein the bus line and the second via are separated from the wiring layer and the first via, and

wherein the bus line and the second via are electrically insulated from the wiring layer and the first via.

**12.** The wiring substrate as claimed in claim **11**, further comprising:

a plating layer formed on a front surface of the wiring layer; 5  
wherein the plating layer is formed by feeding power to the bus line in a state where the first and the second vias are electrically connected on a side toward the second surface of the insulation substrate.

**13.** The wiring substrate as claimed in claim **11**, wherein 10  
the bus line encompasses an area in which the wiring layer and the first via are formed.

**14.** The wiring substrate as claimed in claim **11**, wherein the first via is configured to conduct heat between the first surface of the insulation substrate and the second surface of 15  
the insulation substrate.

**15.** The wiring substrate as claimed in claim **11**,

wherein the first via has one end connected to the wiring layer and another end projecting from the second surface of the insulation substrate, 20

wherein the second via has one end connected to the bus line and another end projecting from the second surface of the insulation substrate.

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